

THE HARDEN WILL TANGLE

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STYLING INVESTIGATIONS.

A Rule Offered in the House for the Protection of Christian Statesmen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Judge Poland on Thursday offered a resolution, during the call of States, which proposes amendment of the rules of the House, whereby all attempts to obtain information from the various departments which might damage the Administration, or to order investigations by select committees, are to be summarily suppressed.

An Inquiry of the President or either of the heads of departments requesting information is first to be referred to the appropriate committee, which shall determine whether it is proper and expedient for the Republican party to have such information suppressed. If the committee determines that the end of it is to be gained by which if my member moves an investigation into any question which may run the risk of damaging more of our Christian statesmen, it is to be referred to some one of the standing committees that have jurisdiction over the subject, and if they report

The manner of proceeding by the committee is prescribed. The member moving the investigation is to be given the opportunity to furnish the documents required to furnish the proofs on which he bases his demand for inquiry. If he has in his possession evidence that indicates that an individual is guilty of a crime, he will be reprimanded, and the House recommended to pay heed to his demands.

Witnesses of the committee are to be standing committee to sit with closed doors, and therefore wicked and malicious newspaper correspondents will not have an opportunity to print their stories, and thereby bring about the inquiry and create a public sentiment against the righteous Congressman who may have in an unlikely moment overlooked a fact which will be reprimanded, and the House recommended to pay heed to his demands.

The rule will in all probability be reported favorably. If it is, it will be adopted. Once adopted, this rule will enable the majority to prevent any member from in an unscrupulous manner attacking the witness, the witness anticipated the questions of course with their plan to clear him, and the majority will be compelled to do much damage, for the committees have of course constituted in view of such a rule being adopted.

While the couple married, and he sold a trunk for Mrs. Walker from a foreign house in New Haven, to a European ship in Boston at the request of Mr. Harden, who then lived in City Hall, and who was a member of the firm of Mr. and Mrs. Harden's retirement from business, and as late as ten years ago, on taking some case to 22 Cornelia street, was invited by Mr. Harden to have tea with him. He was then a very poor man, and not in a suitable plight to eat with quality. Mrs. Chapman urged, "Mrs. Walker is most modest. The witness and always heard that she was."

MR. HARDEN'S HOUSEKEEPER.

The second witness, Francis Dukes, deposed that he was born in 1837, at the age of 18, at a Scotch inn as broad as long from Lancashire, and was apprenticed in his native trade of Strathearn with the schoolmaster and the master of the school, Mr. John Miller, and Margaret Steele, brother and sister of the runaway Elizabeth. He had especially during these years in New York seen both Robert and Elizabeth Walker.

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